

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Houghton Farmhouse (Crimson Stable) Inventory Number: K-394  
Address: 27190 Morgnec Road (MD 291) City: Chestertown Zip Code: 21620  
County: Kent USGS Topographic Map: Chestertown  
Owner: Andrew and Kathryn Whelan Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 2 Tax Map Number: 38 Tax Account ID Number: 004577  
Project: Chestertown DBM Emergency Services Tower Agency: DBM  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Houghton Farmhouse is located off Morgnec Road and east of Morgan Creek. The house and farm outbuildings are surrounded with a fence and a long dirt driveway leads to the various outbuildings and house associated with this active horse farm. The farm dates from the early 1800s and is similar in vernacular design and construction period as other houses in the immediate rural setting.

The main shingled house is a two and a half story, five-bay long and two-bay wide farmhouse with a two-story, three bay addition on the west side. The main portion of the house is some-what symmetrical with a central door flanked by two one-over-one sash windows to the east and a modern, large window to the west. Five equally-spaced one-over-one sash windows line the façade on the second story. The main house has a side-gabled medium-pitched roof with three equally-spaced dormer windows intersection on the façade. Brick chimneys are positioned at both gable ends of the house.

An addition occupies the west gable end of the main house. This portion is three-bays long, two-bays wide with modern, one-over-one sash windows and a door positioned off-center on the façade. The roof-pitch of the addition is much more shallow than that of the main house; possibly to clear the attic window on the gable of the main house.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Andrew Lewis*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
*[Signature]*  
Reviewer, NR Program

*11/09/04*  
Date

*11/30/04*  
Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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Several additions have also been made to the house on the back. A two-story, shed-roof addition extends from the back east side and two, one-story shed-roof additions extend from the middle and east side of the back.

Several frame hay and horse barns are also on the property, in addition to metal barns and other recently-constructed outbuildings.

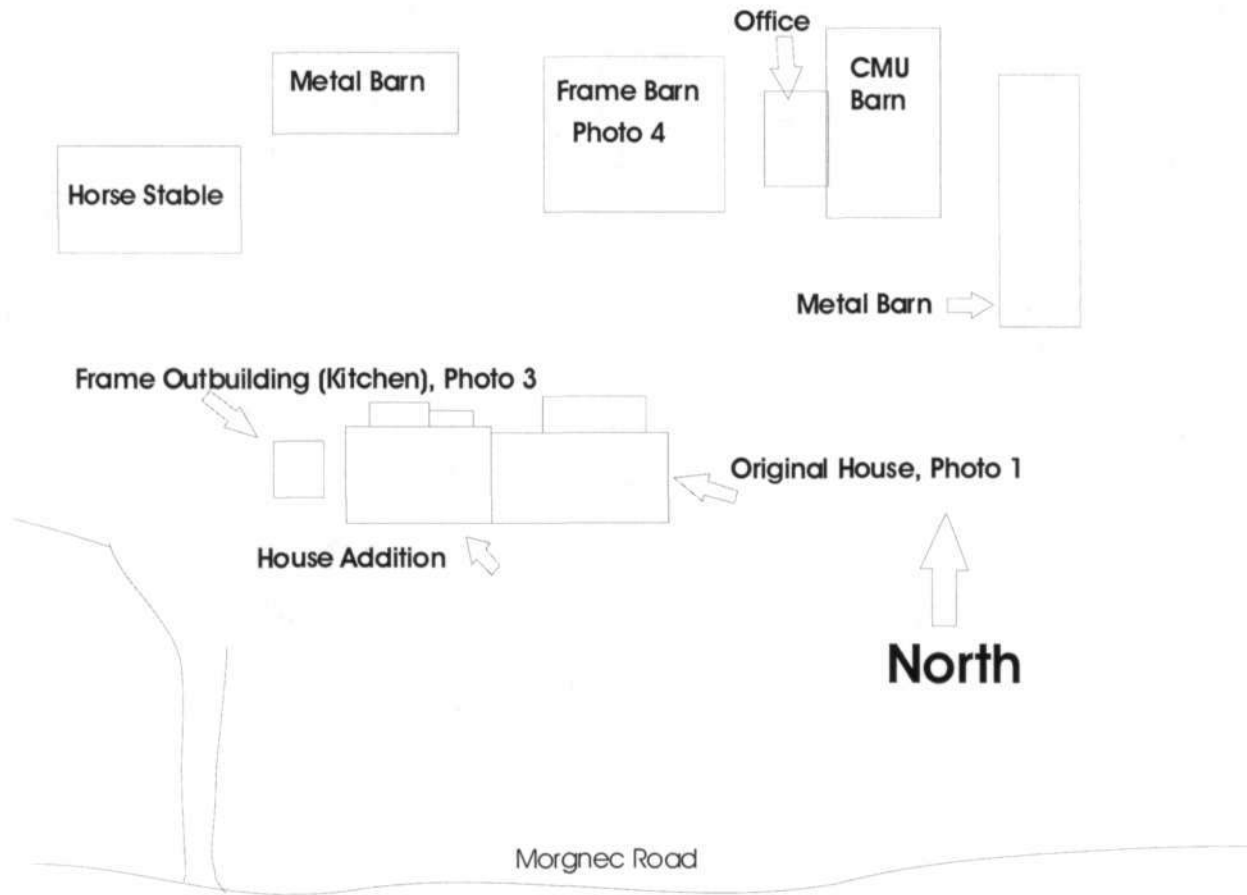
Though the farm and associated structures were constructed in the early 1800, they no longer possess qualities that could make this property eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The property no longer maintains integrity of materials, workmanship, or original design. It is recommended that the Houghton Farm is not considered eligible for the NRHP.

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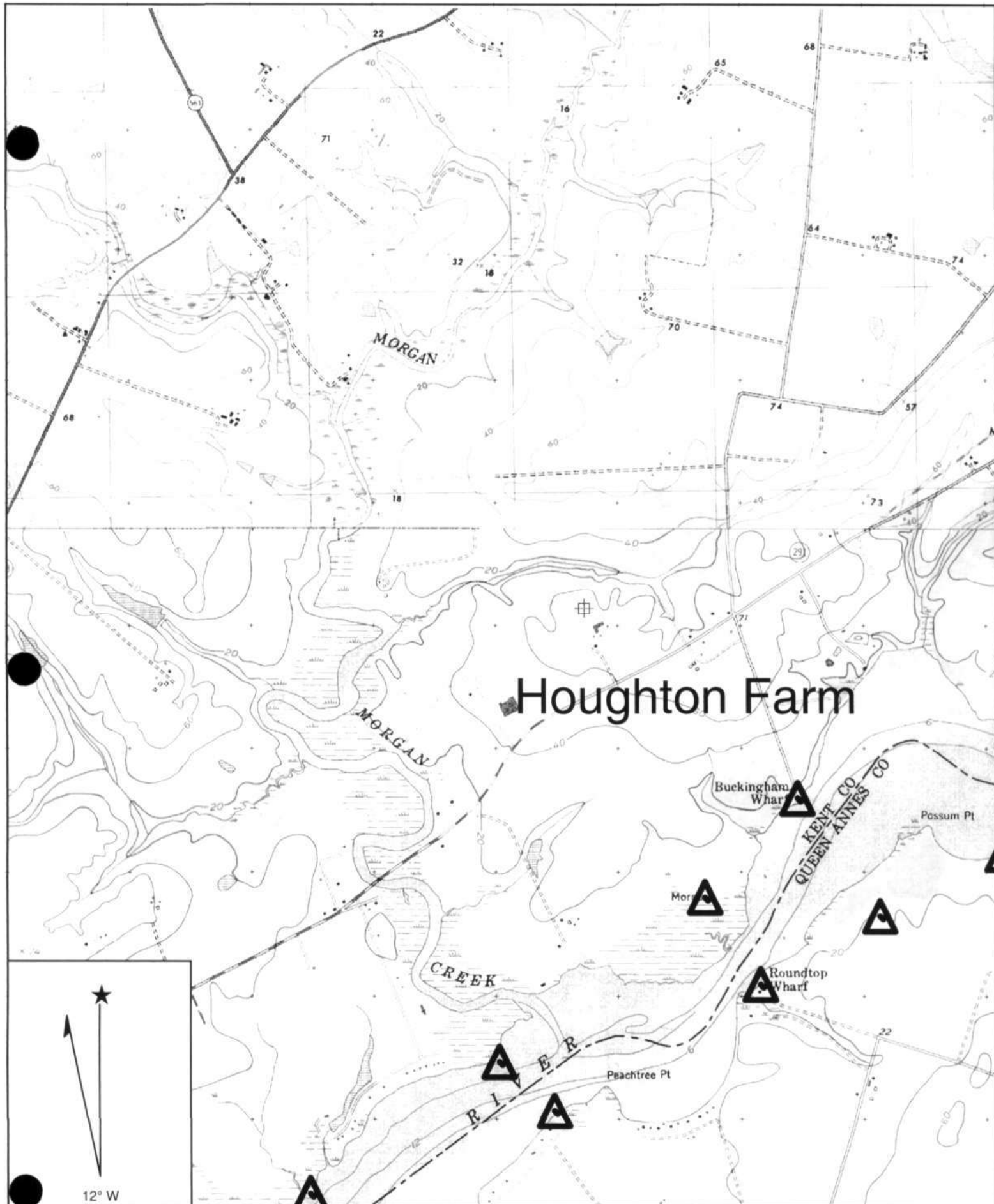
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**Photo Key and Site Plan:**



Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair

Date Prepared: July 8, 2004



Name: CHESTERTOWN  
Date: 7/29/2004  
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 14' 47.13" N 076° 01' 56.0" W  
Caption: MIHP#: K-394  
Houghton Farm  
Kent County



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Houghton Farmhouse

Kent Co., MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG: MD SHPO

View of the facade of the house looking north  
from Morgue Road.

Photo 1/4



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Houghton Farmhouse

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View of front of the farmhouse and west  
addition.

Photo 2/4





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Houghton Farmhouse

Kent Co., MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG.: MD SHPO

View of the back of the house looking south.

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Houghton Farm house

Kent Co. MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG: MD SHPC

View of outbuildings and barns associated  
with the farm.

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Houghton Farmhouse or Crimson Stable  
Near Morgan Creek  
2nd Quarter 19th Century

East of Morgan Creek, Houghton Farm is a five-bay, two-and-a-half story frame house with four-bay, two-story wing. The house continues to give the impression of a typical second quarter of the 19th century Kent County farmhouse, even though it was covered with shingles in the early 20th century. It is similar to Sunnyside Farm a few miles to the northeast. The fact that some of the second floor windows are not placed symmetrically above the 9/6 sash windows below may be reason to question the evolution of the house. Perhaps it began as a one-and-a-half story building and is earlier than its exterior appearance. Its location may well be on a part of the original Buckingham tract, a 500 acre patent to Simon Wilmer in the late 17th century.

HOUGHTON FARM HOUSE  
Chestertown, Maryland  
(early 19th, 2nd quarter)

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The old house on the Houghton Farm is a five-bay, 2½ frame building with a 2 story side wing. The main house has a central hall plan and a steep gable roof finished against tapered and beaded verge boards. Six over six sash windows are used on the second story, in the wing, and in the dormers; the first floor of the main house is lit with 9 over 6 sash. Although it is now covered with wooden shingles, the house closely resembles nearby Sunnyside Farm (K-191.)

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Houghton Farm House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side Route 291, 1¼ miles east of the  
Morgan Creek Bridge

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

E. Edward Houghton

Telephone #: 301-778-2235

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Buckingham Farm

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 39

Folio #: 83

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The old house on the Houghton Farm is located on the north side of Morgnec Road (Route 291) about 1¼ miles east of the Morgan Creek Bridge. The house is set back from the road facing south. Behind the house are twentieth century barns. The farmstead, barns, and surrounding pasture land are enclosed with wooden post and rail fences, painted black.

The main house is 5 bays wide and one room deep, and it has a central hall plan. The building is covered with a steep gable roof which is finished with beaded and tapered verge boards in the gables and a simple box cornice. Three tall gable dormers with 6 over 6 sash windows protrude from each roof slope. The attic is also lit by two four-light casement windows in the gables.

Six over six sash windows set in narrow frames with an inside bead are used on the second floor. On the first are nine over six sash windows, some in plain replacement frames. The main entry has a four light transom and three-light sidelights.

Rebuilt brick chimneys are enclosed in each gable end. Each has two flues.

The four-bay kitchen wing is attached to the west gable of the main house, continuing the one-room depth. It is two stories tall with a shallow gable roof finished against a verge board and a plain box cornice. Six over six sash windows in narrow frames like those of the main house are used in all windows except modern replacements in the kitchen. There are a pair of entry doors set into the center of the wing. They have Victorian four-panel doors.

Both the main house and wing are covered with wooden shingles, painted barn red; trim and sash are black. The building rests on a field stone foundation. There are a pair of one-bay entry porches on the south facade of both the main house and wing. They have cyma crown molded cornices and square posts and appear to be fairly recent

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## PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☒ 1800-1899  
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☐ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☐ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES early 19th, 2nd quarter BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building appears to date from the early nineteenth century. Its form and all visible detailing appear to be typical of that date. Doors and the shingle siding and the porches are, however, much later alterations.

This house closely resembles the house on nearby Sunnyside Farm (K-191) a building of about the same period.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

TELEPHONE

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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additions.

The surveyor did not visit the interior of this building but it reportedly has wide, random pine flooring.

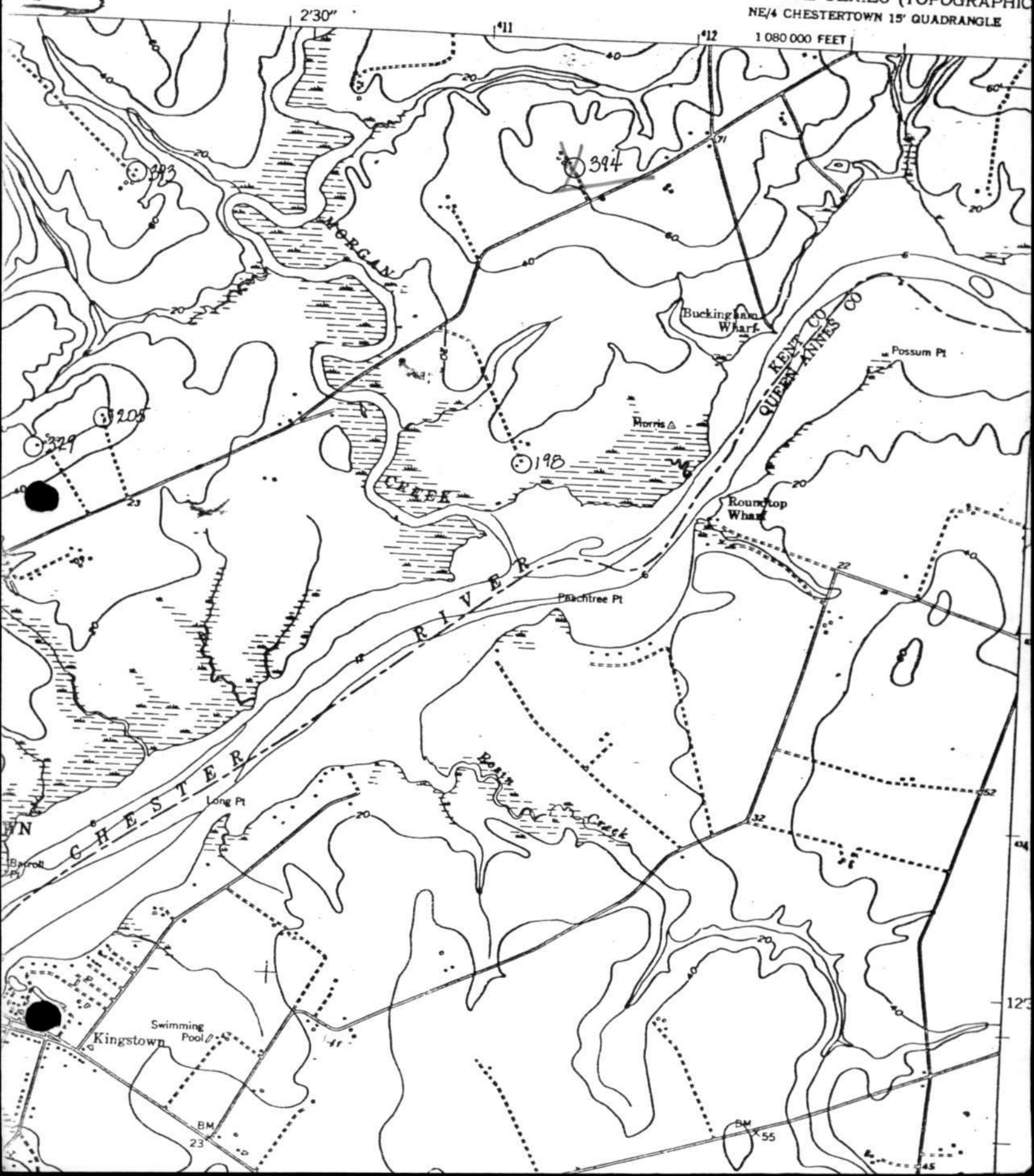
The house is well maintained and divided into two rental units.

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ARMY

CHESTERTOWN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE/4 CHESTERTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

1 080 000 FEET





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